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in New Delhi on 19th Dec. 01

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## POLITICAL SECTION

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Justice Mukherjee Commission (JMC), vide their letter dated 26.11.2001 has informed that next sitting of the Commission is scheduled to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 in the Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi. Through another letter dated 9.11.2001, the JMC has forwarded a copy of the Status Report as on 9.10.2001 alongwith the proceedings dated 17.10.2001 with the following requests (i) to furnish Affidavit in terms of para 4(a) of the proceedings dated 17.10.2001 and (ii) the officer swearing the Affidavit need to be present before the Commission on 19.12.2001 at 11 O'clock to answer any questions that may be raised relating to the Affidavits furnished. Para 4(a) & (b) of the proceedings dated 17.10.2001 reads as follows:

- (a) By the next date of hearing, the Ministry of Home Affairs and External Affairs and the office of the Prime Minister shall file their responses to the statements made in the 'Status Report as on October 09, 2001' (except those contained in paragraphs 10 & 11) so far as they relate to their Ministries/Office, through affidavit filed by officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary and
- (b) On the next date of hearing the officers swearing the affidavits must be present to answer any questions that may be raised relating to their statements made therein.

PMO is concerned with 3 paras (viz para 2,6 & 8) out of 13 paras of the Status Report as on 9.10.2001 contents of these relevant paras and action taken/to be taken are discussed below:

Para 2 : of the various files/documents mentioned at para (a) (i) & (iii) of the proceedings dated 23.3.2000 whatever files belonged to PMO and could be located in our office records have already been made available to the Commission. We are not aware to which Ministry/Department the remaining files/documents belonged.

Therefore, we may explain the position to the Commission by filing an Affidavit.

Para 6: In this para statement made by Shri Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister on the floor of the Parliament on 28.8.1978 of becoming available "further official documentary records."

Despite best of our efforts we could not locate in our office any documents based on which the former PM had made such a statement on the floor of Parliament. We have already informed vide our letter <sup>at F/x</sup> the commission of the position. However as directed by the commission, we may file an affidavit.

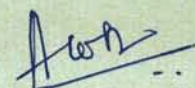
Para 8: A confirmation was asked for from PMO and MHA whether an affidavit had been filed before Justice Khosla Commission of behalf of the Govt. of India wherein it was averred, inter alia, that more than 34 'Confidential Files' relating to 'Netaji Mystery' were found either 'destroyed or missing' and if so, a copy of that Affidavit was required to be furnished.

On this issue also we have already informed the Commission vide our letter <sup>at F/x</sup> that we have no knowledge/information about any such Affidavit. We may file an Affidavit in this regard.

In view of the position explained above consolidated Affidavit covering all the relevant paras (viz 2,6 & 8 of the Status Report <sup>as on</sup> 9.10.2001) prior to its sitting on 19.12.2001 may be filed before the Commission.

For approval please.

Pol  
As desired by DIR(J), the draft Affidavit was shown to JS(J) who requested to show the same to any person with legal background. Accordingly, this draft Affidavit was faxed to MEA's LET Division for vetting. The same has been sent back with minor addition "to the best of my knowledge and belief". This has been incorporated in the final Affidavit placed below for signature of JS(J).  
DIR(J) 18/12/01  
JS(J) us/pol. 18/12

  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
14.12.2001

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Subject: Hearing of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry set up by Government of India to inquire into various aspects of disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, through MHA, had asked us for submission of all documents/files available in respect of terms of reference of the Commission. Secretary to PM and myself have also filed affidavits. We have furnished 33 files to the Commission.

2. On August 28, 1978, the then Prime Minister Late Shri Morarji Desai made the following statement on the Floor of the House: -

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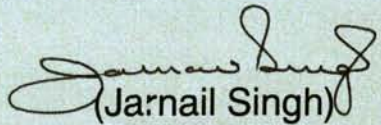
"There have been two inquiries into the report of the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the air-crash on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1945 at Taihoku airfield during his air journey to Manchuria, one by a Committee presided over by Maj. General Shah Nawaz Khan and the second by a one-man Committee of inquiry headed by Shri G.D. Khosla, retired Judge of the Punjab High Court. The Majority report of the first Committee and Shri Khosla held the report of the death as true. **Since then, reasonable doubts have been cast on the correctness of the conclusions reached in the two reports and various important contradictions in the testimony of witnesses have been noticed. Some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of these doubts and contradictions, and those records, Government finds it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive.** At the same time, Government feels that no useful purpose would be served by having any further inquiry. I hope that in the light of this statement, my Hon. friend will withdraw his motion."

3. Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to furnish papers and materials based on which the then Prime Minister Late Shri Morarji Desai made this statement. We have searched our office and there is no record in our office on the basis of which the then PM made the above statement. Accordingly, an affidavit has been submitted to the Commission that this office is not in a position to provide clarification/explanation about circumstances under which the then Prime Minister made a statement on the Floor of the House.

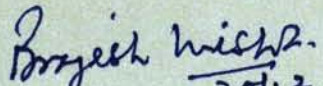
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4. Today, during the course of sitting of the Commission in Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, some of the advocates raised the issue that PM during his recent visit to Japan had visited Renkoji temple. They also said that PM has entered some remarks in a visitor's book placed near the temple. They were requesting the Commission to write to Government to know about the remarks of PM. If Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry writes to us formally, then we have to send a suitable reply at that time. At this stage, no further action is necessary on this.


5. This is only submitted for information.

  
(Jarnail Singh)  
20.12.01

Principal Secretary to PM

  
Brijesh Mishra  
20/12

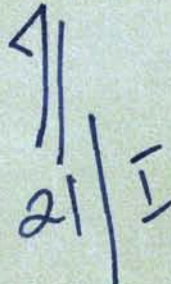
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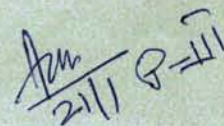
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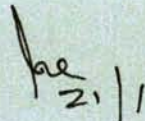


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## POLITICAL SECTION

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In the letter placed below, Justice Mukherjee Commission (JMC) in the context of the Affidavit filed before the Commission by JS (J) on 18.12.2001 have drawn our attention to the contents of certain specific pages of our file No. 2/64/78-PM (Placed<sup>x</sup> below) which pertain to the then PM's statement on the floor of the Lok Sabha on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1978 regarding findings of the earlier two Committee/Commission and requested to clarify to the satisfaction of the Commission the statement made in the Affidavit.

^ F/B  
Justice Mukherjee Commission had asked this office to produce duly attested Xerox copies of all the "further contemporary official documentary records" referred to in the then PM's following statement on the floor of Lok Sabha on 28.8.1978:-

*"Some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of those doubts and contradictions and those records, Government find it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive." (Emphasis supplied).*

Due searches were conducted to locate "any such contemporary official documentary records" based on which the PM had made the above statement on the floor of the Lok Sabha. But despite best of our efforts no such "official documentary records" could be located in this office. Even, MHA, MOD and MEA were duly consulted and based on the inputs received from them the Commission was informed vide our letter dated 29.10.2001, that no such official documents

# F/D  
Have we given this file to JMCI (or copy of this?)  
us/pol.

we have given photocopy of the entire file to JMCI.

JS(J)

Am  
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above statement could be located in this pursuance of JMC's instance, the same Affidavit filed by JS (J) on 18.12.2001 though notes on p-26 & 27/N of the file contain information about former PM's on 28.8.1978 but it does not provide any temporary official documentary records" PM had made the above statement on Parliament. Therefore, our statement "official documentary records" in this

Therefore, it is not understandable on which point(s) the Commission expect us to furnish further clarification particularly in view of the fact that photocopy of all the files pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose have been made available to Commission long back.

For further guidance in the matter we may consult our Counsel in the JMC.

Principal Secretary may perhaps be kept informed of the matter.

*Alok*  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
13.2.2002

~~JS(J)~~ We may consult our Counsel first quickly.

us/pol.

*Jama Singh*  
13/2

Fair letter addressed to Shri Pol, our Counsel is placed below for perusal before issue.

*Alok*  
14/2/02

~~JS(J)~~ I have deleted one line.

us/pol.

Fair letter issued by Speed Post

*Jama Singh*  
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*Alok*  
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POLITICAL SECTION

✓PUC. MEA have forwarded a copy of letter dated 28.1.2002 addressed to them by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) requesting to furnish an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence Party which had been referred to in a letter dated 4.5.1990 written by Shri Amiya Nath Bose to the then PM.

It appears, as because the enclosed letter dated 4.5.1990 is addressed to the then PM. MEA feels the JMCI has inadvertently addressed the letter to them and we (PMO) should send a reply to JMCI.

JMCI has asked for authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence party of which mention has been made in the letter 4.5.1990 addressed to the then PM referred to above. This document is not available with this office. Therefore, even if JMCI had addressed this letter direct to PMO, we would seek MEA's assistance to get hold of the requisite document.

In view of this we may return this letter to MEA and inform them that the requisite document is not available with this office and they may kindly make efforts to get hold of the requisite document and inform JMCI accordingly.

DFA pl.

Alok  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
1.3.2002

Dir (J) has seen.

1.1 note to MEA issued

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1/3/02.

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10/12 ✓ The FR, a letter from our Counsel in Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), is in response to our letter at P-17/c.

2. The issue raised in JMCI's letter ~~dated~~ P-16/c was examined vide our note at P-5&6/N and with the approval of JS (J), our Counsel in JMCI was requested to provide us a draft reply to JMCI's letter.

3. It may be mentioned that ~~bone~~ facts have been reiterated in the Affidavit filed on 18.12.2001. Due to paucity of time Shri Pal could not be consulted and the draft Affidavit was got vetted by MEA's L&T Division.

4. Obviously, the documents referred to in various letters mentioned at 'A' of para 4 of Shri Pal's letter cannot be considered as "official documentary records."

5. In para 5 of Shri Pal's letter, doubts have been expressed what constitutes "official documentary records" as mentioned in former PM's statement in the Lok Sabha on 28.8.1978. However, in view of the doubts expressed by Shri Pal about "official records," the draft reply suggested seems alright. The same may kindly be approved.

*Alok*  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
22.3.2002

JS (J)

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✓F/X  
(P-123/C)

JMCI has drawn attention to an old letter dated 1.1.1974 written by the then Private Secretary to PM to the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) regarding availability of the following two documents lying in our file No. 2(64)56-70-PM (Vol.V) (placed below):

1. *A letter said to have been sent by Netaji in 1946 from Manchuria through the non-king Embassy to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, and*
2. *A letter sent by General Chiang-Kai-Sheikh to Panditji about an enquiry made by the Government of Nationalist China at Taipei regarding the alleged plane crash involving Netaji.*

✓P-125/C

NMML had informed PMO that the aforesaid document were not available with them.

JMCI has requested this office to let them know whether for these two documents PMO had made any reference to (i) the Head of the Department out of which PM's Secretariat was created or (ii) to the Head of the Department which became the custodian consequent upon the creation of the PM's Secretariat.

PM's Secretariat came into being only in August 1947 after the first Prime Minister took charge. Therefore, the question of creation of PM's Secretariat out of some old Department does not arise. As the above referred documents pertain to pre-1947, they were never a part of PM's Secretariat Records. The only possible custodian of these documents could have been NMML to whom a reference had already been made and they had also confirmed that these two documents were not available with them. ✓

As already mentioned above, the documents being of pre-1947 origin, it is not possible for this office to provide any clue about the whereabouts of these two documents.

A Since PM's Secretariat/Office is never created out of any Department, question of making reference to any such Department does not arise. Moreover, for any documents which are not a part of PMO records we have no obligation to locate the same.

If approved, the position stated at 'A' above will be conveyed to JMCI as in the DFA.

*Alok*

[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
28.3.2002

~~JS(J)~~

The portion is alright. As regards the draft reply, should we consult our Advocate?

Pl. discuss

us/Pol.

*Jama Singh*  
28/3

Discussed with JS(J)  
and as directed by him a letter has  
been sent to Shri T. Pal, our Sr. Counsel  
in JMCI. vide S.no 14(I). at p- 31/c.

Pal.

In response to our letter at 14(I), Shri Pal has suggested that in our draft reply to JMCI we should also indicate the reply we had received from Nehru Memorial Museum & Library. This suggestion seems sound and accordingly, in the draft reply which has been vetted by Shri Pal, NMML's reply has also been incorporated. The revised draft is placed below for approval.

~~JS(J)~~

us/Pol.

*Alok*

11/4/02.

*Jama Singh*  
11/4/02

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## POLITICAL SECTION

FR-I, FR-II & FR-III are three letters dated 14.3.2002 received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) on the following issues:-

- FR-I: In 1974, Shri Guha had raised a question in the Lok Sabha regarding Netaji Inquiry Commission. The Questions was answered by the Ministry of Home Affairs. JMCI has asked this office to provide an authenticated true copy of the answer as also the Govt. notes on the supplementaries regarding the said question.
- FR-II: JMCI has requested this office to furnish an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence Party of which a mention had been made in a joint letter dated 4.5.1990 addressed to the then Prime Minister by S/Shri Ashok Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose and Subrata Bose.
- FR-III: This office has been requested to provide to the Commission authenticated true copy of Vol.I & II of this office file No. F-2(64)/56-66-PM and also PMO File No. 2(67)/56-62.

Comments in respect of each of the FR is given below:

- FR-I: The Lok Sabha question was replied to by the Ministry of Home Affairs. We do not have any copy of this reply. JMCI has also addressed this letter to MHA who is expected to take necessary action in the matter. We may inform JMCI suitably. A
- FR-II: This office is not in possession of the report of American Intelligence Party of which mention had been made in the letter dated 4.5.1990 addressed to the then PM.

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JMCI had earlier approached MEA for this report and MEA in turn requested us for providing the report. MEA has already been informed that the report in question is not available with this office. We may inform JMCI of the position. B

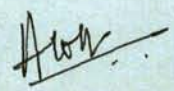
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FR-III: Photocopy of the files referred to in JMCI's letter have already been made available to the Commission long back. Notwithstanding the fact that the reason for asking for authenticated true copy of these files is not appreciated, we  
C | may accede to JMCI's request. However, some minor discrepancy is noticed in number of the file (i) 2(67)/56-71-PM. The JMCI has indicated its number as (ii) 2(67)/56-62-PM. The photocopy of Vol.I & II of the former file has been given to JMCI. According to our record we have no file having No. 2(67)/56-62-PM and therefore, photocopy of the same has not been given to JMCI. It appears the files at (i) & (ii) are one and the same, only the year mentioned at the suffix is different. This is a minor mismatch in file number.

D | We may inform JMCI that we do not have any file bearing No. 2(67)/56-62-PM and, ~~the~~<sup>it</sup> necessary, authenticated true copy of the file with identical number with suffix 71 will also be sent to JMCI.

at A, B, C & D

The course of action proposed above in respect of each FR may kindly be approved. The files referred to in JMCI's letter (FR-III) are linked below please.

  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
3.4.2002

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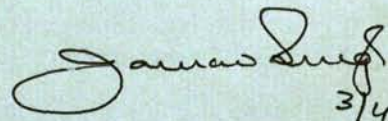
As proposed we may write to JMCI

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~~JS(J)~~

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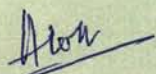
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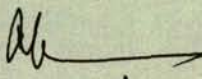
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide their letter dated 30.7.2002 have drawn our attention to Page-132 correspondence which is a copy of advance notice for Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 3424 which was due for answer on 28.2.1974. The commission has requested this office to provide authenticated true copy of the answer alongwith notes for supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Question. The Commission has also stated that MHA have not been able to locate any papers relating to this Lok Sabha Question.

We have already informed JMCI vide our letter dated 12.4.2002 (F/Y in the linked file) that the Question was replied to by MHA and we do not have any copy of the reply. JMCI had written to MHA as well. Therefore, it was expected that MHA would provide necessary information/material. However, in view of MHA's inability to locate any papers pertaining to the Question, we may draw attention of both JMCI and MHA to MHA's O.M. No. Page-131/C as well as <sup>our</sup> ~~an~~ u.o. at Page-133/C wherein it had been mentioned that we have no material to furnish in regard to the Question.

Draft for approval please.

  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
9.9.2002

  
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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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S. NO. 1 (2)

**No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3)**

**Dated : November 9, 2001.**

**From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
**Officer on Special Duty**

- To :**
- 1) The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India,  
North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.
  - 2) The Secretary  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.
  - 3) The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

**S i r,**

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions of the Commission including those contained in its various proceedings. The said Status Report may kindly be perused along with the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D 3) sent herewith to take necessary action in the matter and to ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission contained therein.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
Officer on Special Duty

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## JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions including those contained in the Proceedings dated 13.06.2001 read with proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, and 04.04.2001 of the Commission

1. Copies of the Status Report as on 20.08.2001 (forenoon) were sent for favour of taking necessary action to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of external Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Defence Department and Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, by Registered Post with A/D with Commission's letter bearing No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/48(Vol.III)/309(5) dated September 19, 2001 wherewith a copy of the proceedings dated August 22, 2001 of the Commission was also sent for their kind perusal.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48 (Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter, which of the files/records/documents mentioned in paras (a)(I) and (a) (iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II) /272 dated August 23, 2001 to kindly arrange to locate further records of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and send them to the Commission expeditiously. The response of the Ministry of external Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.

4. The Director General of the National Archives of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II)/271 dated August 23, 2001 to report to the Commission immediately whether Micro-films of Mountbatten and Wavel papers are available in the National Archives of India and, if available, to send to the Commission authenticated xerox copies thereof as quickly as possible. The response of the National Archives of India in the matter is still awaited.

5. In Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/262 dated August 20, 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that neither the original records of the day-to-day proceedings of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry nor any authenticated copy thereof has yet been received by the Commission. He has been requested therein to ensure more vigorous efforts to locate all the remaining records pertaining to the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry including the documents presented before the said Commission, the documents not received by it in spite of its requisition and the documents which were made exhibits before it and to make all those records/documents available to this Commission as quickly as possible as those are essentially required by this Commission for the purpose of its inquiry. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.

6. Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, declared inter alia in the floor of Parliament on August 28, 1978 that "Further contemporary official documentary records ..... have also become available" concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/177 dated June 29, 2001 has been requested to ensure production of duly attested xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" before this Commission within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter. In course of the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Home Ministry on 13.08.2001, the Hon'ble Chairman also requested for making available to the Commission authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records which have also become available"

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concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. A reminder was sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/307 dated September 18, 2001. Those documents/ records are yet to be received.

7. The report and the Affidavit, as called for, from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 read with its letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001, have not yet been received.

8. The Secretary, Prime Minister's office and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, were requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/318(2) dated September 20, 2001 to confirm whether an affidavit was filed before Justice Khosla Commission on behalf of the Government of India wherein it was averred, inter alia, that more than 34 'confidential files' relating to 'Netaji Mystery' were found either 'destroyed or missing' and if so, they were requested to furnish a copy of the said affidavit with a detailed explanatory note on the contents of each of the said 34 confidential files allegedly destroyed or missing. The response to the said letter is being awaited.

We have sent a written reply but the Commission wants Affidavit

9. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averment(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated May 30, 2001 was requested to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by some deponents in their affidavit/supplementary affidavits, xerox copies of which were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000. In response thereto the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission a copy of the letter dated July 4, 2001 addressed to different authorities of the Government of India, wherein they were requested to go through the list of documents enclosed therewith and if necessary, to submit an affidavit before the Commission directly. The Ministry of Home Affairs was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow-up)/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 to clarify with a supporting affidavit whether

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or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned. The Ministry of Home Affairs was again requested by the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 to take necessary action to send the report with the supporting affidavit as quickly as possible as also to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned to enable the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India for production before the Commission their respective documents. The said reports and affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are still awaited.

10. The Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission's d.o. No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/286 dated September 5, 2001, to inform the Commission whether they have got Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents of the public records office of the British Library which were listed by the team of the Commission after their study of the files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records office so that the Commission may obtain transcriptions from those Micro-films/Micro Fiches or authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No. K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Heartley Library of the Southampton University or at least of the papers listed in the said letter dated September 5, 2001 of the Commission. The receipt of the aforesaid Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches/Authenticated xerox copies are still awaited.

11. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/2000-01/70/283 dated September 3, 2001 to take up with the Embassy of India in Tokyo so that lists of witnesses sent by them to the Commission with their No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated March 27, 2001 are verified in view of the anomalies pointed out in the Commission's said letter dated September 3, 2001 and a corrected and up-to-date list of witnesses along with their respective present correct addresses sent to the Commission as early as possible to enable it to draw up a programme or examination of the witnesses in Japan during the proposed

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visit of the Commission to Japan. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India have informed that they have taken up the matter with the Indian Embassy in Tokyo.

12. (a) D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 26, 2001 has been received from the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in reply to the Hon'ble Chairman's d.o. No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/267 dated August 21, 2001 regarding inspection of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose stated to be lying in different foreign countries. In this communication the Hon'ble Minister has stated that the points raised in the Hon'ble Chairman's letter have been taken up with the diplomatic mission of India in the countries concerned and that they (Ministry of External Affairs) would keep the Commission informed about the outcome of their efforts in this regard.

(b) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated October 1, 2001 has sent to the Commission some xerox copies written in Russian along with their English translation which have been sent to them by the Russian Foreign Office through the Indian Mission in Moscow stating those to be "all available documents received from different Archives in the Russian Federation". The said d.o. letter and its enclosures have been received by the Commission on October 8, 2001 and will be scrutinized in due course.

13. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated May 28, 2001 to send a true copy of the report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-I which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an aircraft. The Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. No. 25/4/NGO-POL.VI dated September 6, 2001 intimated that they were making every effort to trace the same and will revert to the Commission shortly in this matter. Further development is still awaited.

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2001 (Eleventh – D 3)  
Held at Committee Room "C" of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe,  
New Delhi

October 17, 2001

The only witness present today is Sitanshu Mohan Das (CW 56). In course of his examination he has admitted that he has written the book 'Subhas – A Political Biography'; and the book has been marked Exhibit 82.

Four other witnesses namely Mr. Jai Singh, Mr. Satindra Pal Singh Sharma, Sm. Prabha Jagannathan and Mr. Janardan Das have not appeared to testify in spite of service of summons upon them. Let fresh summons be served upon them intimating that if they do not appear to depose on the next date of hearing, coercive measures will be taken against them to ensure their appearance before the Commission.

After examination of the witnesses, the parties and/or their lawyers present have been heard about the 'Status Report as on October 09, 2001' prepared by the Commission and circulated to all the parties present. They have submitted that as the Central Government has not yet fully complied with the orders / directions passed from time to time by the Commission asking the Government to produce the relevant records / documents, stern steps may be taken to enforce their production

The Commission started its public hearing in March, 2000. Since then various orders / directions have been passed and reminders issued, seeking relevant information / records from various Ministries / Offices of the Government of India to enable the Commission to discharge its functions effectively and expeditiously. Unfortunately however, the production of some of the records / documents, which appear to be germane to the terms of reference are still awaited. In that context, it is felt that the time is now ripe to impress upon the various Ministries / Departments concerned of the Government of India that unless the earlier directions of the Commission are fully complied with within a stipulated time frame, it will be well nigh impossible for the Commission to complete its momentous and monumental task. Placed in the circumstances, the Commission is left with no other alternative but to issue the following directions :

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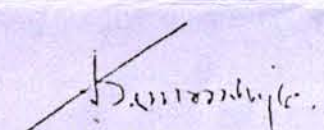
- a) By the next date of hearing, the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs and the office of the Prime Minister shall file their responses to the statements made in the 'Status Report as on October 09, 2001' (except those contained in paragraphs 10 & 11) so far as they relate to their Ministries / Office, through affidavits filed by officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary ; and

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- b) On the next date of hearing the officers swearing the affidavits must be present to answer any questions that may be raised relating to their statements made therein.

To enable the Ministries / Office concerned to comply with the above directions, let a copy of the 'Status Report' mentioned above be forwarded to each of them along with a copy of this order.

The next hearing of the Commission will be on December 19 and 20, 2001 (at 11 AM on both days) in one of the Committee Rooms of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi.

  
(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**

'B' Block, (Third Floor)

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(II)/428(70))

Kolkata, dated, November 26, 2001

Under Certificate of Posting

From

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)

Officer on Special Duty

To

Shri Jarnail Singh

Joint Secretary

Prime Minister's Office

South Block

New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001, and if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11.00 O'clock at Committee Room 'C' in the Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses :-

Witnesses summoned for 19.12.2001

1. Shri K. Natwar Singh,  
Author of the book review titled, 'An extraordinary story'  
published in the 'Frontline' dated October 12, 2001;
2. Smt. Prabha Jagannathan,  
Correspondent, The Economic Times,
3. Shri Satindrapal Singh Sharma,  
Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times;
4. Sri Janardan Das,  
Deponent of Affidavit No. JMCI/59/2000;
5. Shri Jai Singh,  
Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times;
- 6-8. The Officers concerned of the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs, and of the office of the Prime Minister, swearing their respective affidavits in terms of para 4 of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/431(3) Kolkata, dated, November 27, 2001

**From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
**Officer on Special Duty.**

**To : The Secretary**  
**Prime Minister's Office**  
**South Block,**  
**New Delhi-110001.**

**S i r,**

In continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated November 9, 2001, sent to you by registered post, I am directed to state for your kind information and necessary action that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001, and, if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11-00 O'Clock at Committee Room 'C' of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi.

I am also directed to request you to advise the officer swearing the affidavit in terms of Para 4(a) of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D-3) to remain present before the Commission on 19.12.2001 at 11-00 O'Clock to answer any questions that may be raised relating to his statements made in his affidavit as directed by the Commission in Para 4(b) of the said proceedings.

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**Yours faithfully,**

*[Signature]*  
**(M. Roy)** 27.11.2001  
**Officer on Special Duty**

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To Shri V.G. Hedge (FAX No. 338-9724)

[Reference: Telephonic talk with Shri (Dr.) M. Gandhi]

From  
Alok Mukhopadhyay  
US (POL)  
PMO  
301-0976

### AFFIDAVIT

In compliance with the Justice Mukherjee Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2001 and also in compliance of the order contained in the proceedings of 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 held in New Delhi.

2. I, Jarnail Singh son of Late Shri Dalip Singh, working as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office do solemnly affirm and state as under:

3. That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission in para 2 of the Status Report as on 9.10.2001, of the various files/document mentioned at para (a) (i) & (iii) of the Commission's proceedings dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2000, whatever files belonged to this office and could be located in our office records have already been made available to the Commission. We are not aware to which Ministry and Department remaining files/documents belonged.

4. That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission reflected in para 6 of the Status Report as on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2001, due searches were made in this office to trace any "contemporary official documentary records" based on which the then Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai had made the statement on the floor of the Parliament on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1978 as recorded at pages 455 and 456 of the Parliamentary Proceedings dated 28.8.1978 but no such records could be found in this office. This <sup>office</sup> deponent is not in a position to provide any clarification/explanation regarding the <sup>office</sup> circumstances under which Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister had made such statement on the floor of the Parliament.

5. That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission reflected in para 8 of the Status Report as on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2001, it is stated that this office has no knowledge about furnishing of any such Affidavit before the Justice Khosla Commission as mentioned in the above referred para (No. 8 of the Status Report).

(DEPONENT)

### VERIFICATION

I Jarnail Singh, based on the information derived from the record of this office declare and affirm that what is stated above is true. No part of the Affidavit is false and no material information has been concealed.

Verified at New Delhi on December, 2001

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Reference: Telephonic Talk with Shri (V.G.) Hedge

### AFFIDAVIT

In compliance with the Justice Mukherjee Commission's letter No. IMCI Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up/48(Vol.III)-02(3) dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2001 and also in compliance of the order contained in the proceedings of 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 held in New Delhi.

I, Jarnail Singh son of Late Shri Dalip Singh, working as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office do solemnly affirm and state as under:

That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission in para 2 of the Status Report as on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2001, of the various files/document mentioned in para (a) (i) & (ii) of the Commission's proceedings dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2001, whatever files belonged to this office and could be located in an office records have already been made available to the Commission. We are not aware in which Ministry and Department remaining files/documents belonged.

That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission referred in para 2 of the Status Report as on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2001, due search was made in the office to trace any contemporary official documents regarding the matter in which the then Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai had made the statement in the floor of the Parliament on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1978 as recorded in para 1 of the Status of the Parliamentary Proceedings dated 28.8.1978. No such documents could be found in this office. This deponent is not in a position to give any clarification/explanation regarding the circumstances under which Shri Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister had made such statement in the floor of the Parliament.

That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission referred in para 2 of the Status Report as on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2001, it is stated that any officer in the knowledge about furnishing of any such Affidavit before the Justice Mukherjee Commission as mentioned in the above referred para (b) & (c) of the Status Report.

### VERIFICATION

I, Jarnail Singh, based on the information derived from the records of the office declare and affirm that what is stated above is true. He said that the Affidavit is false and no material information has been concealed.

Verified at New Delhi on

December, 2001

(Signature of Jarnail Singh)

For Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary

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**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

New Delhi-110011

19<sup>th</sup> December, 2001

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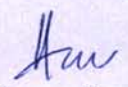
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**KOLKATA - 700087.**

**Subject:   Furnishing of Affidavit in pursuance of  
Commission's the direction contained in  
proceedings dated 17.10.2001.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Justice Mukherjee's letter No. JMC/Meeting-Proceeding (Follow-up) 48(Vol.III)/431(3) dated 27.11.2001. As per the direction of the Commission contained in para 4(a) of the Commission's proceedings dated 17.10.2001 an Affidavit on all the three aspects concerning this office is submitted herewith.

Yours faithfully,

  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)



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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AT NEW DELHI.

AFFIDAVIT

In compliance with the Justice Mukherjee Commission's letter No. JMC/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2001 and also in compliance of the order contained in the proceedings of 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 held in New Delhi.

I, Jarnail Singh son of Late Shri Dalip Singh, working as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office do solemnly affirm and state as under:

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That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission reflected in para 6 of the Status Report as on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2001, due searches were made in this office to trace any "contemporary official documentary records" based on which the then Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai had made the statement on the floor of the Parliament on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1978 as recorded at pages 455 and 456 of the Parliamentary Proceedings dated 28.8.1978 but no such records could be found in this office. This office is not in a position to provide any clarification/explanation regarding the circumstances under which Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister had made such statement on the floor of the Parliament.

That as per requisition of the Hon'ble Commission reflected in para 8 of the Status Report as on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2001, it is stated that this office has no knowledge about furnishing of any such Affidavit before the Justice Khosla Commission as mentioned in the above referred para (No. 8 of the Status Report).



*Jarnail Singh*  
DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I Jarnail Singh, based on the information derived from the record of this office declare and affirm that what is stated above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No part of the Affidavit is false and no material information has been concealed.

Verified at New Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2001

*Jarnail Singh*  
DEPONENT



Solemnly Affirmed / Sworn Before Me  
*[Signature]*

NOTARY PUBLIC, NEW DELHI

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I Identify the deponent / Executant  
who has signed in my presence

*[Signature]* 18.12.01  
(RAJESH SHARMA)  
PA, PMO  
I/C NO. 4200 7261

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37  
(Vol.II)/543.

Kolkata, dated, 1st February'2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : Shri Jarnail Singh,  
Joint Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to cor.pages 26 and 27 of the Secret File No. 2/64/78-PM on the subject, "N.S.C.Bose" received by the Commission from the Prime Minister's Office which appear to show that there were official documents, notes and records which led the then Prime Minister, Shri Morarji Desai to make the statement on August 28, 1978 on the floor of the Parliament (Lok Sabha) that "some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of those doubts and contradictions and those records, Government find it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive."

I am directed to state that by the words "earlier conclusions" the Prime Minister obviously referred to the findings of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the Khosla Commission and that in the context of the aforesaid facts and circumstances it appears to be difficult to accept the assertion in your affidavit dated December 18, 2001 filed before the Commission that the Prime Minister's Office "is not in a position to provide any clarification/explanation regarding the circumstances under which Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister, had made such statement on the floor of the Parliament."

I am, therefore, directed to request you to clarify immediately to the satisfaction of the Commission the aforesaid statements in your said affidavit.

Yours faithfully,

( P.K. Sengupta )  
Secretary

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By Speed Post (17)

No. 915/11/C/5/2002-Pol  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

New Delhi-110011  
Dated 15.2.2002

To,

Shri Tarakeswer Pal,  
Senior Counsel to Govt. of India  
In Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
Room No:- 5  
Calcutta High Court;  
Kolkata- 700069

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 01.02.2002 received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of inquiry. The correspondence pages referred to in the enclosed letter are also sent herewith.

It may be mentioned that Justice Mukherjee Commission had asked this office to produce duly attested Xerox copies of all the "further contemporary official documentary records" referred to in the then PM's following statement on the floor of Lok Sabha on 28.8.1978: -

*"Some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of those doubts and contradictions and those records, Government find it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive." (Emphasis supplied).*

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Due searches were conducted to locate "any such contemporary official documentary records" based on which the PM had made the above statement on the floor of the Lok Sabha. But despite best of our efforts no such "official documentary records" could be located in this office. Even, MHA, MOD and MEA were duly consulted and based on the inputs received from them the Commission was informed vide our letter dated 29.10.2001 (copy enclosed) that no such official documents referred to in former PM's above statement could be located in this office. Subsequently, in pursuance of JMC's direction, the same position was reiterated in the Affidavit filed by Joint Secretary to the PM on 18.12.2001 (copy enclosed) before the Commission. Although notes on p-26 & 27/N of the file referred to by JMC do contain information about former PM's statement in the Parliament on 28.8.1978 but it does not provide any information about the "contemporary official documentary records" based on which the former PM had made the above statement on 28.8.1978 on the floor of the Parliament.

Therefore, it is not understandable on which point(s) the Commission expect us to furnish further clarification particularly in view of the fact that photocopy of all the files pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose have been made available to the Commission long back.

In view of the position explained above a draft reply to the Commission's enclosed letter may kindly be sent to this office URGENTLY.

Yours faithfully

*Alok*  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
February 15, 2002

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**Ministry of External Affairs  
NGO Section**

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This has reference to letter No. Records/2000-01/37(II)/529 dated 28.1.2002 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (copy enclosed) on a matter relating to the Prime Minister's Office. The letter seems to have been inadvertently marked to this Ministry. PMO may, therefore, like to reply to the Commission directly in the matter.

*N. Chauhan*  
(Narinder Chauhan)  
Director(CNV)

**Shri Alok Mukhopadhyay, Under Secretary(Pol), PMO**  
**MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO.VoIVII dated 21.2.2002**

Copy for information to **Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry**

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28th January 2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary

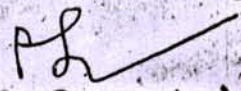
To : The Secretary  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India  
South Block  
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of a letter dated May 4, 1990 of Sarbashree Ashoke Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose and Subrata Bose, addressed to Sri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India which appears at correspondence pages 3 to 5 of file No. 800/6/C/1/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's office on the subject "Netaji Subhas Bose- Bringing in the ashes of " and to request you to kindly procure and furnish this Commission as quickly as possible with an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence party, as referred to in the said letter dated May 4, 1990, which allegedly went to Taihoku airport from Mc. Arthur's headquarters to make enquiries about the alleged aircrash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

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AMIYA NATH BOSE M.A. (CANTAB)  
BARRISTER-AT-LAW

226/4A NETAJI S. C. BOSE ROAD  
CALCUTTA 700 040  
Telephone : 725585  
May 4, 1990

To  
Shri Viswanath Pratap Singh  
Prime Minister of India  
5 Race Course Road  
New Delhi 110001

Dear Prime Minister,

Recently a report appeared in a Calcutta paper that certain persons are attempting to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Rankoji Temple in Tokyo to India and foist them on the Indian people as the 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In this connection, we consider it our duty to place before you and the Government of India the views of Mahatma Gandhi and our father Sarat Chandra Bose on this matter.

In October 1945 Mr. Alfred Wagg, was correspondent of the Chicago Tribune visited our father Sarat Chandra Bose at our Calcutta Woodburn Park residence. Mr. Wagg accompanied the American Intelligence Party, which went to Taihoku Airport from General MacArthur's Headquarters to make enquires about the alleged Air Crash, in which according to Japanese news agency report Netaji met with a fatal accident. Mr. Wagg inspected the Taihoku Airport alongwith three photographs of a damaged plane supplied to American Intelligence Party by the Japanese. Mr. Wagg informed our father that those photographs were not and could not have been taken at the Taihoku Airport. Mr. Wagg informed our father that the photographs supplied by the Japanese were fake photos.

Dr. Radhabinode Pal became a member of the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal, which tried General Tojo and others. The American Judge in the Tribunal <sup>who</sup> showed Dr. Pal the report of the American intelligence Party came to the definite conclusion that there was no

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evidence that Netaji died in Taihoku as a result of an air crash. Dr. Pal informed our father as well as issued a public statement recording this fact. No photograph of Netaji's dead body has been produced by the Japanese.

In August 1946, General Zaman Kiani, Col. Habibur Rahman and Col. Gulzara Singh, all top ranking officers of the INA, spent a fortnight at our Woodburn Park residence. Col. Habibur Rahman accompanied Netaji in the same plane from Saigon. Our father Sarat Chandra Bose questioned Col. Habibur Rahman in detail and rejected his version of the alleged air crash and Netaji's death. Sarat Chandra Bose issued public statements and made a number of speeches in public meetings stating that Netaji did not die in any air crash at Taihoku Airport.

A burnt wrist watch was delivered to father by Col. Habibur Rahman. According to Col. Habibur Rahman Netaji was wearing this wrist watch at the time of the alleged air crash. General Zaman Kiani senior most General of INA informed our father that Netaji never used such a watch during his entire stay in East Asia. In fact, General Kiani informed our father that a dozen of similar watches were being used by different INA Officers.

During the life-time of our youngest ~~uncle~~ uncle late Sailas Chandra Bose a statement signed by him and all the sons of every one of Netaji's brothers were issued to the press at Calcutta stating that the 'ashes' at Renkoji Temple were not the 'ashes' of Netaji.

✓ Mahatma Gandhi granted an interview to Col. Habibur Rahman in 1945 and after speaking to him in detail, issued a press statement that Netaji did not die in any air crash.

The Government of India appointed two Commissions of Enquiry to Enquire into this matter. The Janata Government rejected the findings of both the Commissions. The Government of India has

inally decided that the story of Netaji's death in an air crash cannot be accepted as conclusive.

We are firmly of the view that to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India as 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be an act of sacrilege, which should not be allowed by the people and Government of India.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Ashoke Nath Bose*

( ASHOKE NATH BOSE )

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
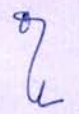
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).**

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2. The contents of JMCI's letter dated 28.1.2002 has been examined but the documents requisitioned by the Commission viz "The authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence Party" of which mention has been made in the letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1990 addressed to the then PM, is not available with this office.

3. It is requested that JMCI may kindly be informed of the position suitably.

  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol) 

**Director (CNV), MEA**

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol

dated: 7.3.2002

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3. Therefore, the Commission's letter dated 28.1.2002 alongwith its enclosure are returned herewith with the request that efforts may kindly be made with the appropriate authority to get hold of the requisite document and inform JMCI suitably.

3. It is requested that JMCI may kindly be informed <sup>of the position</sup> suitably.

[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)

**Director (CNV), MEA**

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol

dated: 1.3.2002

Tarakeswar Pal

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Senior Counsel - I, To The Government of India

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Secret

By Spud Pat

Date: 15th March, 2002

To

Shri Jarnail Singh,  
Joint Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi - 110 011

Dear Sir,

Re. : Letter No. 915/11/C/5/2002 - Pol dated 15th  
February, 2002 from your Office.

Since I was ill this could not reach you earlier.

However, after your letter under reference, I studied the relevant File No. 2/64/78-PM of the PMO, Your Affidavit dated 18th December, 2001, the copy of the Affidavit I prepared for you as sent to you with my letter No. 6/3 dated 4th December, 2001 and your evidence recorded on 20th December, 2001.

2. It is found that the file in question was not submitted before the Hon'ble Commission through me and I could not inspect the same. The wordings of the Affidavit as drafted by me have been changed in the Affidavit you made on 18th December, 2001.

3. I think, you have studied the original File No. 2/64/78-PM (secret) and have found the reading of the Hon'ble Commission as noted in its Secretary's letter dated 1st February, 2002, in regard to "some further contemporary official documentary records" leading Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister to make the statements in question on 28th August, 1978, to be appearing ~~very~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~much~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~fruthful~~ <sup>of</sup> to the records. But last four lines of the fourth paragraph of your said Affidavit dated 18th December, 2001 seem to be irrelevant and not to the records.

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4. I understand that the aspects of the matter had not been brought to your property. In this context may I refer to the letters dated 13.12.1977 and 3.2.1978 by the Historian Late Ramesh Chandra Majumder, Notes dated 28.8.1978 by Shri U. Shankar, Letter dated 24.8.1978 by Shri Samar Guha and P.M.'s reply dated 26.8.1978 along with Notes dated 18.8.1978 at page No. 27 of the said file. Here I may also call your attention to the references of the Chicago Tribune and the Weekly Organiser of 2.2.1976 as referred to in the letter of the said Ramesh Chandra Majumdar. From all these and other contents of the file it is clear that there were contemporary materials before the Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister to make the statements of 28th August, 1978 in the floor of the Parliament. Those materials, I doubt, may be called "official documentary records".

5. And in this context the plea taken in the letter dated 15.2.2002 under reference, as clarification of the statements made in your Affidavit dated 18th December, 2001 may be set, but before that it is necessary to know (a) whether those contemporary materials could be considered by you before your said Affidavit, and, (b) what is the criterion used in the business of the Government in marking a material to be an "official documentary records" or "un-official document". Is there any Rule ?

6. However, without the answers to the aforesaid queries (a) and (b) in the foregoing paragraphs, the clarification as sought by the JMC may be, in the light of the indication in the said letter under reference, may be as the draft letter enclosed herewith.

7. But I think a detailed consultation is necessary and you may arrange the same.

Thanking you,

Encl. : Draft letter of reply to the  
JMC

Yours faithfully,

*Tarakeswar Pal*

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DRAFT

Date: .....

To  
Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary,  
JMC.

**Subject : Your letter under No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37  
(Vol.II)/543 dated 1st February, 2002.**

Sir,

In my Affidavit dated 18th December, 2001 I stated,  
"no such records could be found in this Office" after due searches  
were made to trace any, "Contemporary official documentary records"  
leading the then Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai to make state-  
ments on the floor of the Parliament on 28th August, 1978 as  
recorded at Pages 455 and 456 of the Parliamentary Proceedings  
dated 28th August, 1978.

2. The materials in the file No. 2/64/78-PM (Secret),  
include letters from non-government personalities with references  
to old newspapers and notes thereon and we in our humble underst-  
anding, did not find any-Contemporary "official" documentary  
records - therein.

3. While the Hon'ble Commission was asking for "official  
documentary records", we, for abundant Caution and to avoid any  
controversy, sent the records but refrained ourselves from naming  
them "official documentary records".

4. It is the Hon'ble Commission to decide the character  
of those records as we discovered and sent.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

*Draft settled by me  
for further settling and consultation.  
Tarakeswar Pal*

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No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol  
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

By Speed Post  
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New Delhi 110011 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2002

To

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Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block (Third Floor),  
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street,  
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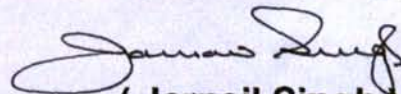
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Joint Secretary to PM

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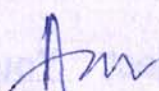
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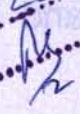
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**Calcutta High Court,**  
**KOLKATA.**

  
(Alok Mukhopadhyay)  
Under Secretary  
Prime Minister's Office  
New Delhi

ISSUED  
Dated... 28-3  
By... 

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No. JMCI/Records/ N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ Kolkata, dated, 14th March '2002.  
604.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to draw your attention to cor.page 123 of the Prime Minister's Secret File No. 2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol.V which is the office copy of the d.o. letter dated January 1, 1974 of the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister addressed to the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. The said d.o. letter refers to two important documents at its sub-para(1) and (2).

I am directed to request you to report immediately whether any reference was made by the Prime Minister's Office to the head of the Department, out of which the Prime Minister's Secretariat was created and/or to the head of the Department which became the custodian of the said two documents consequent upon the creation of the Prime Minister's Secretariat, to locate the said two vital documents referred to at sub-para(1) and (2) of the aforesaid d.o.

Yours faithfully,

*P. K. Sengupta*

(P. K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

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No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol  
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New Delhi  
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KOLKATA - 700087.

**Subject: Location of document referred to in page  
123 (correspondence) in PM's Secretariat  
file No. 2(64)/56-70-PM.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/604 dated 14.3.2002 on the subject noted above and to state that since PM's Secretariat/Office ~~was not~~ <sup>was not</sup> created out of any Department, question of making reference to any such Department does not arise. Moreover, the said document being of pre-1947 period, do not constitute a part of this office record and therefore we have no knowledge as to under whose custody these two documents might have passed. Hence, this office is not in a position to provide any clue for locating these documents.

Yours faithfully,

(Jarnail Singh)  
Joint Secretary to PM

S.No 14(I)

By Speed Post (31)

No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol  
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

New Delhi-110011  
Dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2002

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Senior Counsel to Govt. of India  
In Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
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Calcutta High Court,  
Kolkata- 700069

Subject: **Location of documents referred to in page 123**  
**[Correspondence in PM's Secretariat file No.**  
**2(64)/56-70-PM].**


Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 14.3.2002 received from JMCI on the subject noted above. Copy of this office letter dated 1.1.1974 referred to in JMCI's letter is also enclosed.

In response to JMCI's enclosed letter this office propose to send a reply as in draft attached herewith.

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It is requested that the draft ✓ reply may kindly be vetted and if considered necessary, changes may be suggested. The vetted draft reply may kindly be sent to this office URGENTLY.

Yours faithfully,

  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)

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S.P. Khanna,  
Private Secretary to  
the Prime Minister

S.No 79

no Pms - 44 (123) (34)

January 1, 1974

Dear Shri Nanda,

Shri Samar Guha, MP, has written to the Prime Minister that the following two letters have not been produced before the Netaji Inquiry Commission:

- (1) A letter said to have been sent by Netaji in 1946 from Manchuria through the Nanking Embassy to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru; and
- (2) A letter sent by General Chiang-Kai-Sheikh to Panditji about an enquiry made by the Government of Nationalist China at Taipei regarding the alleged plane crash involving Netaji.

As you know, the Prime Minister Secretariat came into being in 1947 and the above communications could, therefore, not be found on this Secretariat file on this subject. The Prime Minister desires to know whether they are available in the Nehru Memorial Library.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(S.P. Khanna)

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Director,  
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Date: 5th April, 2002

To  
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PMO, Government of India,  
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New Delhi - 110001

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SKD/14(I)  
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Dear Sir,

Re. : Letter No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol. dated  
1st April, 2002.

Sub. : Location of documents referred to in Cor. page  
No. 123 in P.M.'s Secretariat file No. 2(64)/  
56-70-P.M.

-And-

My considered opinion on your draft letter in  
reply to the letter of the Hon'ble Commission  
under reference No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/  
37(ii)/604 dated 14th March, 2002.

In reference to above may I say that it is not clear  
whether there is any reply by the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum  
& Library, New Delhi. If there is any reply the same to be incorpo-  
rated in the said reply to the Hon'ble Commission, and if there is  
no reply then a letter to enquire those documents referred to in  
paragraphs (1) and (2) in the letter dated 1st January, 1974 by  
Sri S.P. Khanna, P.S. to the P.M. addressed to the Director, Nehru  
Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi, to be sent. Without waiting  
for reply or with reply thereof, you may reply to the Hon'ble  
Commission informing of such inquiry.

2. However, the draft as you have prepared may be  
sent incorporating such inquiry with the Director, Nehru Memorial  
Museum & Library, justifying your move to provide clue for locating  
those documents.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

*Tarakeswar Pal*

( Tarakeswar Pal )  
Advocate

Urgent.  
Pl. check whether  
our draft is OK.

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Minister of Law,  
Government of India,  
Law Block,  
New Delhi - 110002

Dear Sir,

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✓

Letter No. 11/1/2001-Pol. dated 1st April, 2002.

1. Production of documents referred to in para 1 of letter No. 123 in P.M.'s Secretariat File No. 2(64)/70-1.

-And-

2. Considered opinion on your draft letter in reply to the letter of the Hon'ble Commission under reference No. J 101/1-wards/V, Delhi/02-257/(11)/604 dated 14th March, 2002.

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In reference to above may I say that it is not clear whether there is any reply by the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi. If there is any reply the same to be incorporated in the said reply to the Hon'ble Commission, and if there is no reply then a letter to enquire those documents referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) in the letter dated 1st January, 1974 by Sri S.P. Khanna, Esq. to the P.M. addressed to the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi, to be sent without waiting for reply or with reply thereof, you may reply to the Hon'ble Commission informing of such inquiry.

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/  
603(2). Kolkata, dated. 14th March '2002.

From : Shri P.K.Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : 1) The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India,  
North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.  
2) The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
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New Delhi-110001.

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D.No. 3424 of the Lok Sabha Question appearing at cor.page  
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Vol. V and to request you to send to the Commission  
immediately authenticated true copy of the answer of the  
Government to the said Lok Sabha Question as also of the  
Government notes on the supplementaries regarding the said  
Lok Sabha Question.

Yours faithfully,

( P.K. Sengupta )  
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

The LS Question was answered  
by MHA. We have no copy of the  
Answer. Hence JMCI may be  
informed accordingly.

ADDL. SECY. TO PM

Dy. No. 191-S

Date... 26/3/02

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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA - ADVANCE NOTICE

Starred D.No.

3424

Ministry to which the day has been allotted

External Affairs

The Question will, if admitted be put for the sitting on

28.2.1974.

NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION

- SHRI SAMAR GUHA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state.

(a) Whether it is a fact that late Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had made a request to the former President of China, Generalissimo Chiang Kaishik, to conduct an enquiry into the report circulated by the Japanese Radio regarding alleged death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a plane crash at Tasheko (Taiping) in 1945;

(b) whether the Mayor of Taiping (Taihoko) conducted an enquiry into the reported plane crash and submitted his findings to the then President of China to this effect that the report was unfounded;

(c) whether the President of China informed Pandit Nehru about the findings of the inquiry;

(d) if so, the reasons for not submitting the correspondence between Pandit Nehru and Chiang Kaishik before the Netaji Inquiry Commission;

(e) whether these correspondence are missing or have been destroyed by the Government;

(f) whether the Government will write to the Government of Taiwan for supplying copies of such correspondence from this archive to the Netaji Inquiry Commission; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereabout?

*Confidential*

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ Kolkata, dated, 14th March'2002.  
613.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of a letter dated May 4, 1990 of Sarbashree Ashok Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose, and Subrata Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India, which appears at cor.page 3 to 5 of File 800/6/C/1/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose- Bringing in the ashes of" and to request you to kindly procure and furnish this Commission as early as possible with an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence Party, as referred to in the said letter dated May 4, 1990, which allegedly went to Taihoku airport from Mc.Arthur's headquarters to make an inquiry about the alleged air-crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945.

This has a reference to MEA U.O. No.25/4/NGO. Vol.VII dated 21.02.2002 endorsed to Shri Alok Mukhopadhyay, Under Secretary (Pol.), Prime Minister's Office.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As stated above.

(P. K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

ADDL. SECY. TO PM

Dy. No...190-S

Date...26/3/02

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MEAW has already been informed that this document is not available with PMO.

*[Signature]*

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AMIYA NATH BOSE M. A. (CANTAB)  
BARRISTER-AT-LAW

226/4A NETAJI S. C. BOSE ROAD  
CALCUTTA 700 040  
Telephone : 725585  
May 4, 1990

To  
Shri Viswanath Pratap Singh  
Prime Minister of India  
5 Race Course Road  
New Delhi 110001

Dear Prime Minister,

Recently a report appeared in a Calcutta paper that certain persons are attempting to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Rankoji Temple in Tokyo to India and foist them on the Indian people as the 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In this connection, we consider it our duty to place before you and the Government of India the views of Mahatma Gandhi and our father Sarat Chandra Bose on this matter.

In October 1945 Mr. Alfred Wagg, was-correspondent of the Chicago Tribune visited our father Sarat Chandra Bose at our Calcutta Woodburn Park residence. Mr. Wagg accompanied the American Intelligence Party, which went to Taihoku Airport from General MacArthur's Headquarters to make enquires about the alleged Air Crash, in which according to Japanese news agency report Netaji met with a fatal accident. Mr. Wagg inspected the Taihoku Airport alongwith three photographs of a damaged plane supplied to American Intelligence Party by the Japanese. Mr. Wagg informed our father that those photographs were not and could not have been taken at the Taihoku Airport. Mr. Wagg informed our father that the photographs supplied by the Japanese were fake photos.

Dr. Radhabinode Pal became a member of the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal, which tried General Tojo and others. The American Judge in the Tribunal showed Dr. Pal the report of the American intelligence Party came to the definite conclusion that there was no

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evidence that Netaji died in Taihoku as a result of an air crash. Dr. Pal informed our father as well as issued a public statement recording this fact. No photograph of Netaji's dead body has been produced by the Japanese.

In August 1946, General Zaman Kiani, Col. Habibur Rahman and Col. Gulzara Singh, all top ranking officers of the INA, spent a fortnight at our Woodburn Park residence. Col. Habibur Rahman accompanied Netaji in the same plane from Saigon. Our father Sarat Chandra Bose questioned Col. Habibur Rahman in detail and rejected his version of the alleged air crash and Netaji's death. Sarat Chandra Bose issued public statements and made a number of speeches in public meetings stating that Netaji did not die in any air crash at Taihoku Airport.

A burnt wrist watch was delivered to father by Col. Habibur Rahman. According to Col. Habibur Rahman Netaji was wearing this wrist watch at the time of the alleged air crash. General Zaman Kiani senior-most General of INA informed our father that Netaji never used such a watch during his entire stay in East Asia. In fact, General Kiani informed our father that a dozen of similar watches were being used by different INA Officers.

During the life-time of our youngest ~~uncle~~ uncle late Sailles Chandra Bose a statement signed by him and all the sons of everyone of Netaji's brothers were issued to the press at Calcutta stating that the 'ashes' at Renkoji Temple were not the 'ashes' of Netaji.

7/ Mahatma Gandhi granted an interview to Col. Habibur Rahman in 1945 and after speaking to him in detail, issued a press statement that Netaji did not die in any air crash.

The Government of India appointed two Commissions of Enquiry to Enquire into this matter. The Janata Government rejected the findings of both the Commissions. The Government of India has

inally decided that the story of Netaji's death in an air crash cannot be accepted as conclusive.

We are firmly of the view that to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India as 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be an act of sacrilege, which should not be allowed by the people and Government of India.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Asoke Nath Bose*

( ASHOKE NATH BOSE )

*Amiya Nath Bose*

( AMIYA NATH BOSE )

*Suerata Bose*

( SUERATA BOSE )

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ 606(2). Kolkata, dated, 14th March '2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : 1) The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office,  
South Block, New Delhi-110001.  
2) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India, North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of U.O. Note dated 04.08.1972 of the Prime Minister's Secretariat sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, which appears at cor.page 64 of the Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol.V of the Prime Minister's Office and to state that from the said U.O. Note it appears that Vols. I and II of the Prime Minister Office's File No.F-2(64)/56-66-PM regarding "Death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose-an appointment of an Inquiry Committee" were sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the Ministry of Home Affairs under the said U.O. Note and that no copies of Vols. I and II of the said file appear to have been received by the Commission from the Prime Minister's Office.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to send to the Commission authenticated true copies of Vols. I & II of Prime Minister's Office File No.F-2(64)/56-66-PM, as mentioned in the said U.O. Note, as quickly as possible.

I am further directed to request you to send to the Commission immediately authenticated true copies of Prime Minister's Office File No.2(67)/56-62-PM which along with other files including Vols. I and II of Prime Minister's Office File No.2(64)/56-66-PM were returned by the Khosla Commission to the Prime Minister's Office under the said Commission's d.o. letter dated July 5, 1974, (copy enclosed) which is lying at cor.page 144 of the Prime Minister's Office Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol.V.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

ADDL. SECY. TO PM

Dy. No...192-S

Date...26/3/02

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

S no 42  
Reference Ministry of Home Affairs  
u.o. No.24/27/71-Poll.II dated the 21st  
July, 1972.

2. ✓ Volumes I and II of this Secretariat  
file No.F.2(64)/56-66-PM regarding "Death of  
Shri Subhash Chandra Bose and appoint of an  
Inquiry Committee to go into the circumstances  
of the death" which contain papers relating to  
the time of the late Prime Minister Shri  
Jawaharlal Nehru are sent herewith.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

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(S.P. Khanna)  
Private Secretary  
to the Prime Minister  
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Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri R.C. Iyer, Under  
Secretary)

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By Speed Post 145

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**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

New Delhi  
11 April, 2002

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block (Third Floor)  
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street,  
**KOLKATA - 700087.**

**Subject: Location of document referred to in page  
123 (correspondence) in PM's Secretariat  
file No. 2(64)/56-70-PM.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/604 dated 14.3.2002 on the subject noted above and to state that in response to this office letter No. 1.1.1974, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library vide their letter No. F. VII/MICE/74- MSS dated 7.1.1974 had confirmed that the documents in question were not available with them (copy enclosed).

(2) It may be further added that since PM's Secretariat/Office was not created out of any Department, question of making reference to any such Department does not arise. Moreover, the said document being of pre-1947 period, do not constitute a part of this office record and therefore we have no knowledge as to under whose custody these two documents might have passed. Hence, this office is not in a position to provide any clue for locating these documents.

Yours faithfully,


sd/-

(Jarnail Singh)  
Joint Secretary to PM

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Copy for information:-

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Advocate,  
Sr. Counsel to the Govt. of India in Justice Mukherjee  
Commission of Inquiry.  
Room No. 5, Bar Association  
High Court, Calcutta,  
KOLKATA- 700069.

  
(Alok Mukhopadhyay)  
Under Secretary  
Prime Minister's Office  
New Delhi

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# NEHRU MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY

DIRECTOR

No. F.VII/Misc/74-MSS  
Dated 7 January 1974.

Dear Shri Khanna,

Please refer to your letter No.

PMS-44 dated January 1, 1974.

The two letters mentioned by you  
are not available in the Nehru Memorial Museum  
& Library.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(B. R. Nanda)

Shri S.P. Khanna,  
Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister,  
Prime Minister's Secretariat,  
New Delhi. 110011

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No.915/11/5/2001-Pol  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

NEW DELHI  
DATED

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission, of Inquiry,  
'B' BLOCK (Third Floor)  
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Kolkata- 700087

Subject:- Letters dated 14/3/2002 from JMCI. Requesting to furnish authenticated true copies of (i) Lok Sabha answer to the Question raised by Shri Samar Gupta in 1974 (ii) Report of the American Intelligence party and (iii) P.M.O. files No. 2(64)/56-66 PM (Vol I & II) and also 2 (67)/56-62.

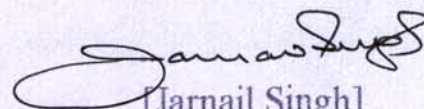
Sir,

Reference is invited to JMCI's letters dated 14/3/2002 on the subjects mentioned above and position in respect of the issues raised in various letters of JMCI are indicated below:

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- (iii) Authenticated true copy of Vol I & II of file No 2(64)/ 56-66 are sent herewith. However, one minor discrepancy in the file number has been noticed. Our records indicate that we have no file having No. 2(67) 56-62 PM as mentioned in JMCI's letter. We have a file having No.2(67) 56-71 (Vol I & II) and photo copy of this file have already been Provided to JMCI . If considered necessary, authenticated ~~to~~ true copy of this file will also be sent to the Commission .
- (iv) Kindly acknowledge receipt of authenticated true copy of the file. No. 2 (64)/56-66 PM (Vol I & II)

Yours faithfully



[Jarnail Singh]  
Joint Secretary

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No.915/11/5/2001-Pol  
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**NEW DELHI**  
**DATED 12<sup>th</sup> April, 02.**

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
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Justice Mukherjee Commission, of Inquiry,  
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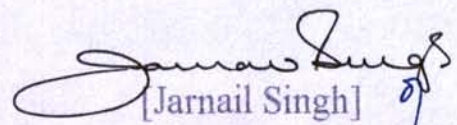
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- (iv) Kindly acknowledge receipt of authenticated true copy of the file. No. 2 (64)/56-66 PM (Vol I & II)

Yours faithfully

  
[Jarnail Singh]  
Joint Secretary

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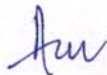
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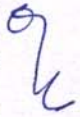
प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

To whom it may concern.

नई दिल्ली-110 011  
New Delhi-110 011

It is certified that pages 1 to 289 are the authenticated true copy of this office File No. 2 (64)/56-66 PM/Vol.II.

  
Alok Mukhopadhyay  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
Prime Minister Office



प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

To whom it may concern

नई दिल्ली-110 011  
New Delhi-110 011

It is certified that correspondence pages from 1 to 184 are  
the authenticated true copy of this office File No. 2 (64)/56-66  
PM Vol. I.

  
Alok Mukkhopadhyay  
Under Secretary (Pol)  
Prime Minister Office

(Alok Mukhopadyay)  
Under Secretary  
Prime Minister's Office  
New Delhi

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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/199(2) Kolkata, dated, July 22, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : 1) The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India,  
North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

2) The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/603(2) dated March 14, 2002 sent to you by Registered post and to request you again to kindly send to the Commission immediately authenticated true copy of the answer of the Government to the Starred Lok Sabha Question D.No.3424 appearing at cor. page 132 of the Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM Vol.V as also of the Government notes on the supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Question.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

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ADDL. SECY. TO PM  
Dy. No. 326-S  
Date 29/7/02

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JMCI's letter at F/x has been  
replied to vide our letter at F/y.  
Hence we may inform JMCI  
as in the DFA, if approved.

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14th March 2002.

Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/  
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From : Shri P.K.Sengupta,  
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To : 1) The Secretary,  
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I am directed to send herewith a copy of Starred D.No. 3424 of the Lok Sabha Question appearing at cor.page 132 of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM Vol. V and to request you to send to the Commission immediately authenticated true copy of the answer of the Government to the said Lok Sabha Question as also of the Government notes on the supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Question.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As stated above.

( P.K. Sengupta )  
Secretary

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No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol  
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2002  
New Delhi-11.

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block (Third floor),  
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Kolkata-700087.

Subject: Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 3424  
raised by Prof. Samar Guha during 1974.

Sir,

Reference is invited to JMCI's letter No. Records/N. Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/199(2) dated 22.7.2002 on the subject noted above and to state that this office had sent a consolidated reply to the Commission, including this issue vide this office letter of even number dated 12.4.2002 (copy enclosed).

Yours faithfully,

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[Renuka Kumar]

Director

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Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/  
603(2).

14th March 2002.

From : Shri P.K.Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : 1) The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India,  
North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.  
  
2) The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of Starred D.No. 3424 of the Lok Sabha Question appearing at cor.page 132 of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM Vol. V and to request you to send to the Commission immediately authenticated true copy of the answer of the Government to the said Lok Sabha Question as also of the Government notes on the supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Question.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As stated above.

( P.K. Sengupta )  
Secretary

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**  
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**  
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By registered  
post with A/D.

**Fax :** 0091-033-252-2765

No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III) Kolkata, dated, **July 22, 2002**

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
Secretary

- 1) The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India,  
North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.
- 2) The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.



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*PMO, South Block*  
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**Sir,**

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I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/603(2) dated March 14, 2002 sent to you by Registered post and to request you again to kindly send to the Commission immediately authenticated true copy of the answer of the Government to the Starred Lok Sabha Question D.No.3424 appearing at cor.page 132 of the Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM Vol.V as also of the Government notes on the supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Question.

**Yours faithfully,**

*ph*  
**(P.K. Sengupta)**  
Secretary

**ADDL. SECY. TO PM**

Dy. No. .... 361-S .....

Date..... 13/8/02 .....

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*Let us send quickly.*  
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Jmci's letter under ref. has  
already been replied to vide  
our letter at F/y.

The reminder of July 22, 02  
has also been replied to on  
2.8.02 vide our letter at  
F/B. Hence, no further action  
is called for on our part.

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Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/  
603(2).

14th March 2002.

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Encl : As stated above.

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NO. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III) Kolkata, dated, 30th July' 2002.  
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary

To : The Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

S I R,

I am directed to refer to Lok Sabha Starred Question D. No. 3424, a copy of which is available at cor. page 132 of the Prime Minister's Office secret File No. 2(64)/56-70-PM Vol.V and to request you again to send to the Commission immediately an authenticated true copy of the answer of the Government to the said Lok Sabha Starred Question as also of the Government notes on the Supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Question.

I am further directed to state that the Ministry of Home Affairs in reply to the reference made by the Commission in the aforesaid matter has stated by their letter No. 12014/13/2000-IS (D.III) dated July 18, 2002 that the Ministry of Home Affairs have not been able to locate the papers relating to Lok Sabha Starred Question DY. No. 3424 and requested the Commission to get in touch with Prime Minister's Office.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

ADDL. SECY. TO PM

Dy. No 841-S.....

Date.....5/8/02.....

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By Speed Post

No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol.  
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2002**  
**New Delhi-110011.**

To,  
**The Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block (Third floor),  
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Kolkata-700087.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to JMCI's letter No. Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/199(2) dated 22.9.2002 regarding Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 3424 appearing at correspondence Page-132 of this office file No. 2(64)/56-70 Vol.V and to state that a reply to the above referred letter has already been sent to the Commission vide this office letter of even number dated 31.7.2002 (copy enclosed).

Yours faithfully,

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**[Alok Mukhopadhyay]**  
**Under Secretary (Pol)** *h*

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No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol.  
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

11th September, 2002  
New Delhi-110011.

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block (Third floor),  
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Kolkata-700087.

Subject: Material with regard to Lok Sabha Starred Question  
Dy. No. 3424 for 28.2.1974.

Sir,

Reference is invited to JMCI's letter No. Records/N.Delhi/99-2002/37(III)/229 dated 30.7.2002 on the subject noted above and to state that on this issue a reply has already been sent to the Commission vide this office letter No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol. dated 12th April, 2002 (Pare (i) of this letter refers). However, MHA's inability to locate any papers relating to the Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 3424 seems surprising. Therefore, attention may be drawn to MHA's O.M. No. F.18/5/74-PH-II dated 21.2.1974 and also to this office u.o. note No. 2/64/74-PM dated 25.2.1974 placed at Page-131/correspondence and 133/correspondence respectively. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to MHA in order to help them to locate the relevant papers.

Yours faithfully,

**[Renuka Kumar]**  
Director

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Copy together with a copy of JMCI's above referred letter and also copies of MHA's O.M. dated 21.2.1974 and this office u.o. note dated 25.2.1974 forwarded to **Deputy Secretary (IS-I), MHA** for information and necessary action.

[Renuka Kumar]  
Director

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Dated 11.7.74  
Sig. [Signature]

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No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol.  
**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

9th September, 2002  
New Delhi-110011.

To,

**Shri P.K. Sengupta**  
**Secretary,**  
**Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,**  
**'B' Block (Third floor),**  
**11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,**  
**Kolkata-700087.**

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**Starred Question Dy. No. 3424 for**  
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Yours faithfully,

[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)

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above referred letter and also copies of  
MHA's on dt. 21.2.74 and this office u.o note  
dt. 25/2/1974 forwarded to DS (IS-I), MHA  
for information and necessary action.

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Serial No. 915/111C/2/2000 pol.

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
For Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of  
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose  
'B' Block, (Third Floor)  
11A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta-700087.

Received 'Secret' File No. 2(67)/78-PM (Xerox  
copies of Notes/Correspondence) of the Prime Minister's  
office, Government of India, New Delhi, from Justice  
M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Please return it immediately to

Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary,  
M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
11-A, Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Calcutta-700087.

*S. A. 13/2/2001*  
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Designation/State  
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*to Kolkata*

*Received*  
*13/2/2000*

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up) Calcutta, dated, the 5th February, 2001  
48/(Vol-II)/499

O R D E R

The undersigned is directed to depute Shri Ajay Kumar De, Private Secretary of this Commission to New Delhi in order to deliver personally some very important files to the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and the Prime Minister's Secretariat, New Delhi. Shri De is directed to proceed to New Delhi as early as possible and deliver the files to the competent officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office on obtaining duly signed and stamped receipts from them. He shall return to his Head Quarter immediately after completing the job assigned to him.

Sd/ (P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary to the Commission

No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up) 48(Vol-II)/499/1(5) dt. 5.2.2001

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- 1) The Secretary, Govt. of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.D-110001
- 2) The Prime Minister's Secretariat  
South Block, New Delhi - 110001
- 3) Ms. Sangeeta Gairola, IAS  
Jt. Secretary, Govt. of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi - 110001
- 4) Section Officer (Calcutta)
- 5) Shri S.N. Singh, Section Officer (New Delhi)

P. Sengupta  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary to the Commission

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

To

New Delhi-110 001

Dated 16.2.2001

Shri P.K. Sengupta,  
Secretary,  
Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
11-A, Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Kolkata - 700 087

Subject: Return of PMO files which had been given to the  
Commission.

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Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Justice Mukherjee Commission order No.JMCI/Mixing Proceedings(follow-up) 48(Vol.II) 499 dated 5.2.2001 and to state that of the various files forwarded to the Commission vide this Office letters of even number dated 4/7/2000 and 25.7.2000 only our file bearing No.2(67)/78 PM (xeroxed copy) has been received in this office on 13.2.2001.

Yours faithfully,



[ Alok Mukhopadhyay ]  
Under Secretary(Pol)



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Reference DIR(A)'s dissection on FR.

Subsequent to recording my note on 13/2/01, we have received only one file (delivered in the dak unit) from the Justice Mukherjee Commission. The said file is placed below for perusal.

DIR(A) Are there any other files <sup>Am</sup> 15/2/01 they were supposed to return? Pl let me know. We may discuss at 4:30 tomorrow.

US(P&P)

Discussed with Dir(A) today  
As desired, a communication is being sent to the Justice Mukherjee Commission <sup>Am</sup> 16/2.

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Mr. B. N. Lakshmi  
Secretary

D. No. 2

CHIEF MINISTER  
GRISSA



D. No. 206-20

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My dear Parashuramji,

I have received your  
Confidential letter No 637-P.M.  
of the 4th instant.

We have decided to purchase  
the Janakirath Shivan & are  
going to take the vote of the  
Assembly this month. Rs 75,000/-  
will be paid for the property.

Yours sincerely  
M. M.

Dr. Parashuram N. Sharma,  
Prime Minister,  
N. Delhi.

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in F.25(33)-a PM

Extract from the fortnightly letter No. 2 dated the 16th March, 1954, from the Governor of Orissa to the President.

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On 8th March I visited the hospital run by the Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan, Cuttack, and went round the hospital. This institution is conducted by the Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan Trust Board which is registered under Central Act XXI of 1860. The Board is desirous of establishing here a Seva Sadan after the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan at Calcutta, and I also saw Janakinath Bhavan, the building where the father of Subhas Chandra Bose lived when he was practising here as a lawyer and where Subhas Bose was born. The State Government intend acquiring Janakinath Bhavan from the owners at a cost of Rs. 75,000 and make it available to the Trust Board who propose to shift the hospital to Janakinath Bhavan.

SH.

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